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SUBJ: PRIMIN AND FONMIN REACTIONS ON US PHANTOMS TO SAUDI
ARABIA AND KUWAIT

1. FONMIN EBAN IN KNESSET SPEECH JUNE 20 SAID ISRAEL COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO SALE OF PHANTOMS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. ISRAEL' S CONCERN, HE NOTED, WAS NOT CANCELLED BY REPORTS OF FURTHER US ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL. ISRAELI STRENGTH IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR MILITARY SUCCESS BUT AS DETERRENT FACTOR. SAUDI ARABIA HERETOFORE CONSTRAINED BY LIMITED CAPACITY TO REACH ISRAELI BATTLE-FIELDS, BUT SITUATION CHANGES ONCE IT POSSESSES PHANTOMS. THESE TOGETHER WITH FRENCH MIRAGES WILL GIVE SAUDI ARABIA AN UNPRECE-DENTED OFFENSIVE POTENTIAL IN SEVERAL YEARS. MOREOVER DANGER INCREASES OF ARMS TRANSFER FROM PERSAIN GULF TO ARAB- ISRAELI THEATRE.

2. EMBOFF HEARD PRIMIN, ADDRESSING 400 STUDENTS TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY JUNE 21, ANSWER QUESTION ON IMPLICATIONS US ARMS SALES IN DIFFERENT, MORE CASUAL TONE. MRS MEIR STRESSED THAT
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US " VERY, VERY GOOD FRIEND" OF ISRAEL BUT THAT NO COUNTRY
FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL IS OBLIGED TO SUPPORT IT ON EVERY MATTER. USG
HAS ITS OWN INTEREST IN PERSIAN GULF, INCLUDING OIL. IT IS
UNREALISTIC TO ASSUME THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PROBLEMS IN
US- ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP. EVERY DAY, SHE CONCLUDED, MUST BE FACED
ON ITS OWN TERMS.
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